

McCoy Memorial Baptist Church

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Spring Quarter: "Faith and Freedom" (Galatians)

Today's Lesson: "Lost Under the Law"

INTRODUCTION:

**"O foolish Galatians" and verse 3: "Are you so foolish?"**

JBP: "O you dear idiots of Galatia" ... "surely you can't be so idiotic?"

**"Who has bewitched you?"** (Obviously legalistic Judaizers)

The "who" is singular. Perhaps he uses the singular because behind these false teachers he detects the activity of the devil himself, the deceiving spirit, whom the Lord Jesus called 'a liar and the father of lies' (Jn. 8:44).

**"Clearly portrayed as crucified."**

See 1 Cor. 1:23; 2:2. The verb means "to publicly portray or placard" (cp. the bronze snake that Moses displayed on a pole (Num. 21:9; Jn. 3:14-15)

TRANSITION: Paul uses 4 arguments to prove that God saves sinners thru faith in Christ & not by the works of the Law. Paul vindicates his gospel of justification by faith . . .

**BY THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE GALATIANS (3:1-5)**

Paul exposes the senselessness of the Galatians. They should've resisted the spell of whoever was bewitching them. They knew perfectly well that the gospel is received by faith alone; their own experience (vv. 2-5) had told them so.

1. How did you receive the Holy Spirit? (v. 2; cp. 4:6)
2. How will you be sanctified? (v. 3)  
There was no provision under the Law for the Holy Spirit to do a work of progressive sanctification.
3. Did you suffer in vain? (v. 4)  
This question looks back on the persecution the apostle and new believers experienced in the region of Galatia (see 14:21, 22).
4. On what basis did God perform miracles? (v. 5)

**BY THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF ABRAHAM (3:6-9)**

1. His salvation (3:6): He was justified by faith.
2. Our salvation (3:7-9): Jews and Gentiles are justified by faith.

## BY THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE LAW (3:10-12)

Paul here showed the illogic of reliance on the Law.

1. The problem of the Law (3:10-12)  
Those under the Law who do not obey all of it are cursed by the Law!
2. The purpose of the Law (3:19-25)
  - A. It helps to point out our sin (3:19, 20)
  - B. It helps to prepare for our Savior (3:21-25)

## BY THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF CHRIST JESUS (3:13, 14)

1. What He did (3:13a) . . .  
He redeemed us from the curse of the Law.
2. How He did it (3:13b) . . .  
He became a curse for us on the cross.
3. Why He did it (3:14) . . .
  - A. Gentiles might receive "the blessing given to Abraham"
  - B. All who believe might receive the H. Spirit, who was promised

Again, the apostle emphasized that salvation & sanctification come by faith, not by works! Compare verses 2 and 3.

**QUESTION:** How could these Judaizers ever convince the Gal. Xians that the way of Law was better than the way of grace? What's there about legalism that can so fascinate a believer that he'll turn from grace to law?

- 1) Legalism appeals to the **flesh** (performance based; pride; self-worship)
- 2) Legalism appeals to the **senses**
- 3) A legalist measures himself and compares himself with **others**

## CONCLUSION:

1. What the gospel is . . .
2. What the gospel offers . . .  
"justification" (salvation) + "Holy Spirit" (sanctification)
3. What the gospel requires . . .